

**Rowe School Committee
Meeting Minutes
April 13, 2010**

1. Call to Order:

Maggie Rice called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

Roll call: Lisa Danek Burke, Rebecca Richardson, Maggie Rice, Laurie Laffond, Pat Bell, Bob Clancy, Joanne Blier, and Michael Buoniconti were present.

2. Audience of Citizens:

None

3. Approval of Minutes:

- A. A motion was made by Lisa Danek Burke and seconded by Rebecca Richardson to approve the Rowe School Committee meeting minutes from March 9, 2010 as read. Unanimous yes vote.

4. Correspondence:

- A. February 11, 2010, letter from Glenn Koocher, Massachusetts Association of School Committees (MASC), to J.D. LaRock, Executive Office of Education, re: Regionalization Incentives and Regionalization/Structural Issues (See Appendix A)
- B. February 20, 2010, letter from Glenn Koocher, Executive Director MASC, to MASC Board of Directors, re: Initial Discussions with Secretary of Education on Possible Legislation on Regionalization and Subsequent Issuance of Report of the Education Subcommittee to the Regionalization Advisory Commission (See Appendix B)
- C. March 7, 2010, email from Stephen Hemman, Massachusetts Association of Regional School, to MARS Membership re: Ayer and Shirley vote to Form a Region (See Appendix C)
- D. March 29, 2010, letter from Mitchell D. Chester, Ed.D, Commissioner of Elementary and Secondary Education to Superintendents re: USED announcement on Race to the Top recipients (Tennessee and Delaware) (See Appendix D)
- E. April 1, 2010, letter from Mitchell D. Chester, Ed.D, Commissioner, to Superintendents re: Round 2 of Race to the Top (See Appendix E)
- F. April 7, 2010 letter to Dr. Mitchell Dan Chester, Commissioner of Education, from Superintendent Buoniconti re: permission to tuition Rowe students to Mohawk Trail Regional Middle/High School (See Appendix F)

5. Unfinished Business:

- A. Energy Project – No new information.
- B. Solar Project – Energy Committee Meeting Tuesday, April 20th will get information together for the Solar Project.

6. Report of the Chairperson:

- A. Letter from anonymous sender re: Superintendent Buoniconti working full time at Mohawk and being activated in the military full-time.

7. Report of the Superintendent:

- A. Meeting with Rowe Select Board and Finance Committee on March 31, 2010 (See Appendix G)
- B. Annual Town Meeting – (See Appendix H)
- C. Another State Funding Crisis –
- D. 2009-2010 School Calendar Change – See Action Items

8. Financial Information:

- A. FY10 Operating Statement (See Appendix I)

9. Report of the Principal:

- A. Principal Report – As read (See Appendix J)
B. Calendar of Events -

10. Action Items:

- A. **Line Item Transfer - Vote to transfer \$487.72 from Contracted Building Maintenance to Health Supplies & Materials –**
A motion was made by Lisa Danek Burke and seconded by Rebecca Richardson to transfer \$487.72 from Contracted Building Maintenance to Health Supplies & Materials. Unanimous yes vote.
- B. **Vote to reduce the FY2011 Rowe Operating Budget by \$5,000, from \$1,369,898 down to \$1,364,898, of which \$154,768 comes from Revolving Accounts for a total new Operating Budget of \$1,213.130 –** A motion was made by Lisa Danek Burke and seconded by Rebecca Richardson to reduce the FY2011 Rowe Operating Budget by \$5,000, from \$1,369,898 down to \$1,364,898. Of which \$154,768 comes from Revolving Accounts for a total new Operating Budget of \$1,213,130 with the budget reductions coming from the sheet as presented at the Rowe School Committee Meeting plus \$500.00 coming from the school library books line. Unanimous yes vote.
- C. **Vote to revise the 2009-2010 School Year Calendar to add an early release day on May 6, 2010 for Response to Intervention training (Professional Development) –** A motion was made by Rebecca Richardson and seconded by Lisa Danek Burke to vote to revise the 2009-2010 School Year Calendar to add an early release day on May 6, 2010 for Response to Intervention training (Professional Development). Unanimous yes vote.

11. Subcommittee Reports:

- A. Policy Subcommittee – None
B. Transportation Subcommittee – None
C. Negotiations Subcommittee – None

12. Handouts:

- A. March 19, 2010, “Mohawk names interim principal” article in The Recorder (See Appendix E)

13. Executive Session:

- A. Not at this time.

14. Adjournment:

- A. A motion was made by Rebecca Richardson and seconded Lisa Danek Burke to adjourn the meeting at 8:00pm. Unanimous yes vote.

Respectfully submitted,
Laurie Laffond

Approved:

Margaret Rice, Chairman

Lisa Danek Burke

Rebecca Richardson